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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
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*-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --*

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## Status

1)  Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 June 2001.

2a)  This action is **FINAL**.                    2b)  This action is non-final.

3)  Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

4)  Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)  Claim(s) 5-8 is/are allowed.

6)  Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.

7)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.

8)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

9)  The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)  The drawing(s) filed on 22 June 2001 is/are: a)  accepted or b)  objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)  The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

12)  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a)  All    b)  Some \* c)  None of:  
1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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**Attachment(s)**

<p>1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)</p> <p>2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)</p> <p>3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.</p>	<p><b>PHIRIN SAM</b> <b>PRIMARY EXAMINER</b></p>	<p>4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.</p> <p>5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)</p> <p>6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____.</p>
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 6,282,194 hereinafter referred to as "Cheesman" in view of US Patent 6,618,588 hereinafter referred to as "Easley".

Cheesman discloses the invention (**claim 1**) as claimed including a method comprising the steps of:

- (a) **directing a call intended for a mobile** (see Fig. 2, col. 5, lines 42-51) to a virtual tandem switch (see Fig. 2, col. 3, lines 20-27, col. 5, lines 30-40).
- (b) querying, by the virtual tandem switch (see Fig. 3, col. 6, line 67, col. 7, line 1-3), a home location register (HLR) to obtain call information for the mobile (see Fig. 3, col. 6, line 67, col. 7, line 1-3).
- (c) setting up the call to the mobile over a packet-based transport network (see Figs. 3, 5, elements 50, WIRELESS CO, col. 8, lines 29-47, 52-67).

Cheesman does not disclose locating register (HLR) to obtain call information for the mobile. However, Easley discloses HLR to obtain call information for the mobile (see Fig. 1, element 30, col. 8, lines 33-67, col. 9, lines 1-12). At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine HLR teaching by Easley with Cheesman. The motivation for doing so would have been to provide to store the information

related to a person/entity associated with a wireless unit read on column 8, lines 34-35.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to combine Easley and Cheesman to obtain the invention as specified in the claim 1.

**Regarding claim 2**, Cheesman discloses the method further comprising the step of converting at least part of the call between a packet-based protocol for transport over the packet-based transport network and a non-packet-based protocol (see Fig. 2, col. 5, lines 30-40).

**Regarding claim 3**, Cheesman discloses wherein the non-packet-based protocol is a time division multiplexed protocol (see col. 2, lines 1-16).

**Regarding claim 4**, Cheesman discloses all the limitations. On the other hand, Cheesman does not disclose the call is directed to the mobile while the mobile is roaming from its home service area. However, Easley discloses the call is directed to the mobile while the mobile is roaming from its home service area (see col. 2, lines 20-31, col. 3, lines 34-45). At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine the call is directed to the mobile while the mobile is roaming from its home service area teaching by Easley with Cheesman. The motivation for doing so would have been to provide for calling party name and/or other information allocated with a wireless unit to be associated with mobile identity number (MIN). Therefore, it would have been obvious to combine Easley and Cheesman to obtain the invention as specified in the claim 4.

*Allowable Subject Matter*

3. Claims 5-8 are allowed.

***Conclusion***

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phirin Sam whose telephone number is (571) 272-3082. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 8:00AM - 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chau T Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272 - 3126. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 20, 2005



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